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Dear Sirs,

The proposed Microsoft settlement is much way too lenient for a case of this magnitude. Microsoft was found guilty and the punishment must fit the crime. You need to go ahead with the original proposal to break Microsoft up so that it will no longer be able to leverage its monopoly for pure greed and profit.

Microsoft is still brazenly indulging in these anticompetitive practices even though it has been embarrassed and exposed - capitalism can only go so far. Make the computer field a more level playing field for others in the market. Windows isn't the best operating system out there, yet it is the most popular. Microsoft reached this market dominance through unethical and unfair business practices. This must stop.

As a citizen of the United States of America, I request you to do all you can to ensure Microsoft is punished in a manner that will make them think twice about indulging in monopolistic and greed-motivated practices in the future. Force them to sell a version of Windows without a web browser, split up the company, and so forth. Don't let them walk away from this, or they will just get WORSE.

Thank you,
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